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NARROW ESCAPE FOR BOY HUNTERS

Paw Paw Youths Seriously
Injured by Companion
While Hunting.

NOW IN BORGESS HOSPITAL

One Loses an Eye Besides Sustaining
Other Serious Injuries. The Other
Also Badly Hurt.

A terrible accident occurred here last Sunday while four boys, whose homes are here, were hunting around Maple lake.

Glen Thompson, James Strong, Elmer Stratton and George Strong started around the lake looking for squirrels, etc. Two of the boys, Glen Thompson, 16, and James Strong, 20 years of age, becoming tired, sat down at the base of a tree while the others were a short distance away. Bushes were thick around them so that they could not see clearly, and one of the boys with a gun saw a red box in the hands of the ones sitting by the tree and thought it was a squirrel moving and fired. The charge struck both boys, and being at such close range, scattered so that the shot lodged in their limbs, shoulders and faces. The young men were taken to the home of Charles Schmeltzle a short distance away, and then home, where a physician was called. Dr. Charles, upon examination, found that the eyes of both boys were very seriously injured. They were suffering great pain and were taken immediately by Dr. Charles, George Longwell and E. B. Longwell in George Longwell's automobile to Borgess hospital.

Upon arrival there they received the most careful attention and made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances, but Monday morning it was found necessary to remove James Strong's eye that was so badly injured. Dr. Charles states that they are hoping to save the eye of the other boy, and everything that is known to surgery is being done for him, and still it is very doubtful as yet what the outcome will be.

All the young men with the exception of one, who goes to school, work in the basket factory. The boys are related and their families live in a double house on Kalamazoo street. The accident is a deplorable circumstance and the loss of eyesight to one so young is a most unfortunate thing.

HAS PROVEN AN ABLE WRITER

Former Paw Paw Man Contributes
Interesting Articles on Well Known
Subjects.

The Law Student's Helper, a magazine published by the Sprague Publishing Co. of Detroit, has this week an article on "The Conflict of Laws" by Walter K. Towers. Mr. Towers is the assistant editor and has written some very helpful things. This is the first of a series which will appear monthly.

The American Boy also contains a story by Mr. Towers on the origin and growth of the Olympic games. It is of greater interest on account of a Michigan man having taken the honors last July at the games held at Stockholm, Sweden, and the Olympiad, the period of four years intervening between the games of 1912 and 1916, will be known as the Olympiad of Ralph Craig, of Detroit. This story is very interesting and also very instructive.

Mr. Towers is a son of J. M. Towers of this place and visits his parents frequently.

ALL MAIL MATTER IS TO BE COUNTED

A recent order from the Postmaster General requires all mail received and dispatched by star route and rural carriers be counted and weighed in the postoffices throughout the country. This order is in accordance with a provision in the last appropriation act, and will be in force during the months of October and November.

This extra work will necessarily delay the distribution of mail to some extent, and the local postmaster requests that patrons of the office bear the order in mind and be as patient as possible if the delivery windows are closed a little longer in the morning than has been the custom.

Mrs. Florence Ford, Mrs. John Onion and Mrs. C. H. Doane were Kalamazoo shoppers last Monday.



Franc C. Kuhn of Mt. Clemens who was nominated to succeed Justice Blair as Justice of the Supreme Court at the recent Republican State convention.

SEEKS DAMAGES IN CIRCUIT COURT

Suit Growing Out of Re-
cent Primary Election
Will Be of Interest.

At the recent primary election Charles A. Weidenfeller of Bloomingsdale was nominated as the republican candidate for representative, receiving 600 votes.

Lynn J. Lewis of Bangor was the choice of many republicans, especially in Bangor and vicinity, for the same office, receiving 515 votes, within less than 100 of the number given for the successful candidate. Shortly before the election, a report was current in some localities that Mr. Lewis had withdrawn, which report was afterwards found to be without foundation. Mr. Lewis has openly asserted that Mr. Weidenfeller was responsible, in some degree at least, for the report of his withdrawal being spread abroad among the voters. Lewis also claims that Weidenfeller stated that he (Lewis) offered to withdraw for a money consideration, that is, if he could be reimbursed for his campaign expenses, which statement Lewis emphatically denies and is of the opinion that the reports concerning his alleged withdrawal and offer to withdraw diverted a sufficient number of votes that would otherwise have been his to accomplish his defeat. He also claims that the report that he offered to withdraw for money was a slanderous statement and tended to place him to an unjust and unfavorable light before the people, and in order to vindicate himself he has begun an action on the case against Mr. Weidenfeller.

The suit was commenced by summons from the circuit court in which damages are laid at the sum of \$20,000. Thos. J. Cavanaugh and Glenn E. Warner, two of Paw Paw's leading attorneys, are of counsel for Lewis, who is himself a lawyer. Clyde W. Ketchum of Kalamazoo appears for Weidenfeller.

The True Northerner knows nothing of the facts of the case and expresses no opinion as to the merits of this controversy. It is understood, however, that Mr. Weidenfeller denies that he is responsible for the reports that were in circulation and which are the foundation for the suit against him.

WON FIRST PRIZE AT KALAMAZOO FAIR

In Strong Competition Eugolin's Colts
Carry Off the Honors at the
Fair Last Week.

A fine span of Eugolin's (Bob) colts won the first prize in the heavy draft class at the Kalamazoo fair last week. There was strong competition in this class from the best pairs in Southwestern Michigan. It was not their extreme weight, but their splendid quality, finish and good manners that won for them the blue ribbon over all.

This splendid pair of geldings are red roans 4 and 5 years of age, weight, thin in flesh, 3,000 pounds. They can hitch like a pair of coach horses, have great action and can step away like a race mare. The sire Eugolin, or "Bob" as he is known locally, is owned by Dr. W. J. Johnson and Daniel Spicer of this place, and the farmers of this section should take notice and appreciate this grand horse before it is too late, for no better sire stands in Michigan today.

The prize winning geldings are owned by Mr. Vincent of Benton Harbor, Mich. who has been offered a long price for them, but has refused the offer.

SENATOR CHAS. E. TOWNSEND OPENS CAMPAIGN IN CHICAGO

Michigan's Gifted Senator Comes Out Strongly for
Taft in Speech Under the Auspices of the
Hamilton Club.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 28, 1912.

Senator Charles E. Townsend, of Michigan, opened the republican campaign in this city with a speech at a mass meeting held under the auspices of the Hamilton Club. The meeting was largely attended and great enthusiasm was manifested, the mention of Taft's name being received with cheers.

Senator Townsend delivered an eloquent address, speaking with great emphasis and creating a most favorable impression upon his audience. He began by repeating the main points of the republican platform of 1908 and demonstrating, paragraph by paragraph, that President Taft had redeemed every pledge made by the Republican party to the country. "He has come nearer to fulfilling the provisions and promises of that platform," said Senator Townsend, "than has any other president come to fulfilling the promise of the platform upon which he was elected. This is not the careless statement of a friend, but is demonstrated by a careful comparison of the record with the platform itself."



Senator Charles E. Townsend.

Senator Townsend said that, inasmuch as the revision of the tariff had been the subject of so much misrepresentation, he would give extended consideration to this feature. He told at length the story of the extra session of congress called by the president and outlined the details of the bill considered by congress, showing that the special features which it contained were in accordance with the party platform. He then said:

"The tariff plank of the republican party adopted at Chicago in 1908, was completely carried out. There were not as many reductions in the tariff contained in the Payne bill as the president thought desirable, and during all of this consideration he endeavored to secure a reduction in many schedules. But the bill was finally presented to him for his signature, and as presented it did contain many material reductions from the Dingley tariff. For instance, the duty on lumber was cut in two, hides were put on the free list, boots and shoes were reduced down from 40 per cent to 10 per cent, and nearly every product of iron and steel was reduced from ten to sixty per cent. It contained a provision for a tariff commission to determine the difference in cost of products here and abroad, and it was instructed to report to congress in the following December on the wool schedule. It contained the maximum and minimum clause and provided for a tax on corporations. The president must either sign it or veto it. To veto it was to retain the Dingley law. To sign it was to secure for the people of the country the benefits which I have enumerated. Therefore the president signed it."

Senator Townsend then showed that the pledges of the platform in connection with postal banks and other desirable reforms had also been redeemed by President Taft's administration. Speaking with reference to the declaration of the platform in regard to the Sherman anti-trust law, Senator Townsend said:

"Since Taft became president there have been more prosecutions against violators of the anti-trust law than during any other presidential term since that law was enacted. In fact, during less than three and a half years there have been over fifty important suits brought, not against the little fellows, but against the big offenders. And when you consider that during his predecessor's term of seven years only forty-four suits were brought, the record seems to justify the assertion that this plank in the platform has been fully carried out."

Senator Townsend commended President Taft also, for securing the passage of the employers' liability law, for his practical efforts in behalf of world-wide peace, for his earnest efforts to preserve the rights of the people in relation to the mineral, water-power and forest resources of the nation, for the extension of trade with South America and the rest of the world, for signing the bill which gave pension benefits estimated at twenty-five million dollars annually to Civil war veterans, for abrogating the treaty with Russia in honorable and peaceful fashion, and for protecting the civil service against the attacks of the Democratic party.

Senator Townsend took occasion to remark that the insurgent movement originated in a protest against the rules of the House of Representatives. "With the exception of a few, of whom I was one," he said, "none of these insurgents were on friendly relations with President Roosevelt, and he took no active part in these early struggles. But insurgency has now grown in many places to be a profession, and the professional insurgent has seen fit to antagonize the administration of his own party, because he can obtain notoriety in no easier way."

Speaking of the manner in which the democrats enact tariff laws, Senator Townsend cited the incident of the chemical schedule in the House during the session which has just ended. He said:

"This bill was presented as an amendment to the house cotton bill, and when it was presented, the member who offered it asked that it be considered without reading. When he was questioned, he admitted that it had never been to any committee, had never been printed, and that no hearings had been had upon it. And yet this bill was adopted as an amendment to the cotton bill. When the president came to consider it, he discovered that in many instances the duties had been raised rather than lowered. In other instances the duties if enacted into law, would have ruined many great industries. The president vetoed it, as he did all other abortive attempts at tariff reduction, and thus saved a panic which would have certainly fallen upon the people of this country."

"In conclusion, Senator Townsend said that he would vote for President Taft, because Mr. Taft was more of a statesman than a politician; because the president was in principle and conduct the most truly safe, sound and honest progressive of all the candidates who had been named; because his administration has conserved the general welfare and prosperity of the American people in all departments of life; because he had changed a deficit of fifty-eight million dollars into a substantial surplus; because during his term there had been no suggestion of a panic; because his administration had been clean and honest; because under him public affairs were never more honestly conducted nor higher standard of private life maintained; because of some enemies he had made; every malefactor of great wealth who has been indicted by his administration being opposed to him; and because he is the duly certified nominee of the republican party, as honestly nominated as any of his opponents, and deserving the support of every republican."

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Patrick H. Kelley, who will represent the state as Congressman at Large, and who presided over the Republican State convention at Detroit last week.

DEMOCRATS GET POOR RECEPTION

Meeting at Opera House
Tuesday Night Slimly
Attended.

Hon. J. W. Helme of Adrian, democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, held forth at Longwell's opera house Tuesday night, the attendance not being large and the enthusiasm seemingly at a low ebb. We have claimed right along that this is a poor year for democrats and it would seem that this is especially true in Van Buren county. Each well advertised meeting has brought out but scant attendance and but little interest seems manifest.

The arguments advanced by Mr. Helme were those commonly used by the politician who hasn't anything good to say of existing conditions and considering the handicap under which he was laboring his speech might have been termed a good one from a democratic standpoint. That the crowd was not large is easily understood, as people as a rule are not interested in his side of the question.

HAS ACCEPTED PASTORATE.

Rev. J. M. Lee of Shepard, Mich., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Christian church and will begin his work in Paw Paw, October, 20.

Mr. Lee comes very highly recommended, having filled successful pastorates in several Michigan cities and is well equipped in both an educational and practical way for the work which he has undertaken.

Regular services will be held at the church next Sunday morning.

Bridal Couple to be Showered With Valuable Presents Innumerable

The committee having in charge the public wedding during the big Paw Paw fair have several prospective couples in view, and there is sure to be a big wedding on the band stand in the streets of Paw Paw some day during the fair. The hour and day will be announced later.

Following is a list of presents already donated for the happy couple and others will be added from week to week:

Complete bed room suite, S. O. Kenyon.
Aluminum kettle, H. C. Waters & Co.
Baby spoon, Carl Damon.
Baby chair, Lake & Son.
Pair lady's shoes, F. G. Hudson.
Hot water bottle and fixtures, Paw Paw Drug Co.
Three piece tea set, W. V. Hall.
Granite enameled dish, C. E. Snow & Co.
10 pound pail lard, H. Y. Tarbell.
Room and dinner for bridal party, W. G. Epley, Clifton house.
Bride's wedding hat, Mrs. M. E. Barner, successor to Sanger & Gardner.
Galvanized tub and wash board, Mrs. E. H. Lindsay.
Year's subscription to True Northerner, H. Geddes.
1/2 doz. plates, 1/2 doz. cups and saucers, F. A. Weston.
Year's subscription, Free Press & Courier, H. A. Cole.
Insurance on household goods, B. L. Breed.
Suit cleaned and pressed, W. L. Miller.
Basket of grapes, F. E. Smith.
Wash boiler, E. Dickerhoof.
Empire Mills sweater, E. Smith & Co.
China dishes, W. R. Sellick.
Umbrella, R. W. Broughton.
Flannel night gown, C. R. Avery.
Wedding bouquet, Ray Tuttle.
Bushel of apples, C. W. Young.
Cord of Oak wood, Law and Henry Long.
Rocker, Hawley & Warner.
\$125 worth of barber work, Salisbury & Smith.
N. P. towel rack, H. J. Dunbar.
One Pantatorium card, C. A. Graine.
One pound box candy, J. H. Charles.
25 pound sack flour, Briggs & Co.
One wrapper, W. G. Ackley.
Half sole their shoes, S. M. Walker.
Free admission to Idle Hour theater afternoon and evening, George Pierce.
Groom's wedding shirt, Showerman Bros.
Wash bowl and pitcher, Longwell Bros.
Cash \$100, J. W. Free.
\$1.00 worth granulated sugar, W. J. Warner.
Six teaspoons, G. E. Chappell.
One pound salted peanuts, Joe Sherman.
Box of cake, The Egg Baking Co.
Box of chocolates, Ringaker & Daughter.
\$1.50 worth of groceries, E. B. Longwell.
Box Moss Rose cigars, 25, L. E. Griffith.
Clothes basket, G. W. Tyler.
Sewing rack, Jordan & Clapp.
\$1.50 book postage stamps, P. N. Wake-man.
Marriage license, H. A. Cross.
Auto bridal tour, Glenn Warner.
Bushel of potatoes, Charlie Morrison.
Twenty-five wedding announcements, The True Northerner Pub. Co.

In addition to the above list of presents, Decker & Bailey will sell the couple a home and donate their commission, R. D. Loveland will search title to property and Henry Shaefer will record deed. Attorney W. J. Barnard offers to donate attorney services in case bill for divorce is filed and Wm. Killefer agrees to probate their estate without cost.

Some of the ministers of the village will donate their services for the ceremony. It is expected that many other useful gifts will be given. Some of the country people have signified their willingness to give something for this event. All contributions will be gratefully received. Send in your donation to M. L. Decker, master of ceremonies for the wedding, and the articles will be added to the list next week.

PAW PAW FAIR IS A CERTAINTY

Rumor that Fair Would
Not Be Held is With-
out Foundation.

GREAT INTEREST IS MANIFEST

Committees Appointed and Arrange-
ments Made to Make the Occasion
a Great Success.

A faint rumor was abroad on Wednesday to the effect that the project for holding a fair in Paw Paw was all off and that the idea had been abandoned. Nothing could have been further from the truth, however, as a canvass among the business men on Wednesday morning showed that each and every one was not only strongly in favor of carrying out the original idea of holding the fair, but was ready and willing to do all in his power to help make the fair the biggest and best ever held in the county.

Applications for booths came pouring in to such an extent that the management are in somewhat of a quandary in regard to the space available. Owing to the construction of the rink it is possible to arrange for only a certain number of booths, and already there are several more applicants than can be accommodated. Those having the matter in charge are confident that some arrangement can be made whereby all may be accommodated with space.

At a meeting held Wednesday evening committees were appointed to carry out the necessary details, so that there will be no hitch in the proceedings and everything will be in place when the doors open on the 16th of this month.

The corn show, which is to be one of the main attractions of the fair this year, will be held in the big tent which it is proposed to erect just west of the rink.

It is proposed to make the base ball tournament one of special attraction this year, and negotiations are already under way to secure some of the best clubs in southwestern Michigan.

Heretofore it has been necessary to secure a band from a distance, but as Paw Paw has an organization second to none in the country, we are assured of good music during the entire four days. A band stand will be erected at the intersection of Main and Kalamazoo streets, and band concerts will be one of the features both day and evening.

There will be a public wedding during the fair, the couple having already been secured. Indeed, applications were numerous, but of course the management had no choice in the matter, so it was decided to give preference to the

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